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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of inventor:
Mark W. Bradley

For: MODULAR SOFTWARE METHOD FOR INDEPENDENT STORAGE NODES

Application Elements:

- ☒ 31 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
☒ 12 Sheets of Drawings (Informal)
☒ 02 Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee
of \$40.00 enclosed)
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
☐ Preliminary Amendment
☒ Return Receipt Postcard
☒ Small Entity Statement(s)
☐ Other:

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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BASIC FEE			\$355	\$355.00	OR	\$710	\$
TOTAL CLAIMS	08 -20 = 00		x09=	\$	OR	x18=	\$
INDEP CLAIMS	02 -03 = 00		x40=	\$	OR	x80=	\$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			\$135=	\$	OR	\$270=	\$
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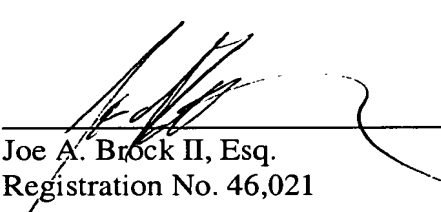
General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

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